

AMERICANS NOW IN HARDEST FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

towns are on the railroad line from Rheims to Mazeris, the junction front of five important railway lines.

Berlin officially announces that Gen. Pershing's American First Army last night opened a new offensive along the fifteen-mile front between the Argonne Forest and the Meuse River. No report of the new offensive has yet been received from Allied forces.

Earlier yesterday the Americans had made an initial offensive along the same front, taking all objectives on schedule time. Chatel Chéhery and all the commanding high ground west of the Aire River, on the edge of the Argonne Forest, fell into the hands of the Americans. It is evident that as soon as these positions were consolidated the Americans attacked again in the night, this time on a slightly wider front.

The hardest fighting along the entire western front is that being waged by Gen. Pershing's desperate divisions. By his new gains Pershing has added to the menace the Germans are experiencing in the Argonne salient and is putting his troops in a position for a grand assault upon the Brunhilde lines, where the enemy is expected to make his hardest resistance. In fact, this assault may be referred to in Berlin's official report.

GERMANS CONTINUE EVACUATION OF THE BELGIAN COAST TOWNS; UNDERMINE MANY FACTORIES

Telephone Lines Removed, Military Stores Burned—Soldiers Said to Have Been Instructed to Escape to Holland.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 8.—The evacuation by the Germans of the Belgian coast region is continuing, the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf reports. The telephone lines between the frontier and the coast were being taken down yesterday and to-day.

The stores of material at Knokke, near the coast five miles from the Dutch border, have been set on fire, and many factories have been undermined in preparation for their quick destruction.

As part of the occupying troops would have to choose between capture and flight when the evacuation occurs, instructions are said to have been given them to escape to Holland in civilian clothes with the object of evading imprisonment and subsequently returning to Germany.

AMERICANS CAPTURE HEIGHTS AND TAKE CHATEL CHEHERY

Pershing Wins All His Objectives in Hard Battle Northwest of Verdun and Holds Commanding Heights.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 8. (Associated Press).—The Americans achieved another important, though local, success yesterday by forcing the Germans out of Chatel Chéhery, northwest of Apremont (on the edge of the Argonne Forest).

Pushing forward they overcame the stubborn resistance of the enemy and settled themselves on the commanding heights west of the River Aire. The attack began in the morning from just north of Hill 223 to the western edge of the Argonne, where the French to the left joined in the assault. The infantry went forward at 5 o'clock, the troops on the east crossing the Aire.

A heavy mist afforded the men good protection while it lasted. Beyond the river the men were infiltrated through the valley between Hill 180 and Hill 223, thence they worked into the wood beyond and attacked and carried Hill 180 after hard fighting. The Germans began the withdrawal of their artillery when they saw the attack was likely to prove successful.

The troops in the center of the attack met the first obstacle ten minutes after starting, in the shape of German trenches. The Americans, using these with hand grenades, surprised the trenchmen. They reached their first objective in record time and entered Chatel Chéhery at 8:40 o'clock, with only slight resistance.

An attack on Hill 24, where the Germans occupied strong positions, was begun at once, and there was desperate fighting as the Americans moved the heights.

In the mean time, other infantry detachments filtered through in single file into Abbe Wood and helped to carry Hill 24, which was taken before noon. The troops reached the north side of the hill by 1 o'clock in the afternoon, while others advancing over the Chenetoudu Ridge reached and passed La Vergette.

The enemy retired before this advance, and the victory was complete at 3 o'clock. The lines at Chatel Chéhery were strongly consolidated and patrols began reconnoitering ahead, meeting with little opposition. The Germans delivered a local attack at daylight east of St. Etienne (on the Suippe, twenty miles northwest of Rheims, taken by the Americans Sunday). They received a counter thrust at the hands of the Americans, which those who lived with long remember.

The Americans had advanced information of the attack, and more than met the German half way. When the German artillery opened the Americans sent in to the enemy five or more shells for every projectile hurled at them.

Among the prisoners were seventeen bewildered pioneers who were serving as infantrymen for the first time. As the German artillery opened along the line from St. Etienne to Orfeuville several companies of German infantry started filtering through the Pine Wood. Most of them were wounded troops. The French and American artillery, however, was so effective that these veterans were thrown into confusion. Many were killed.

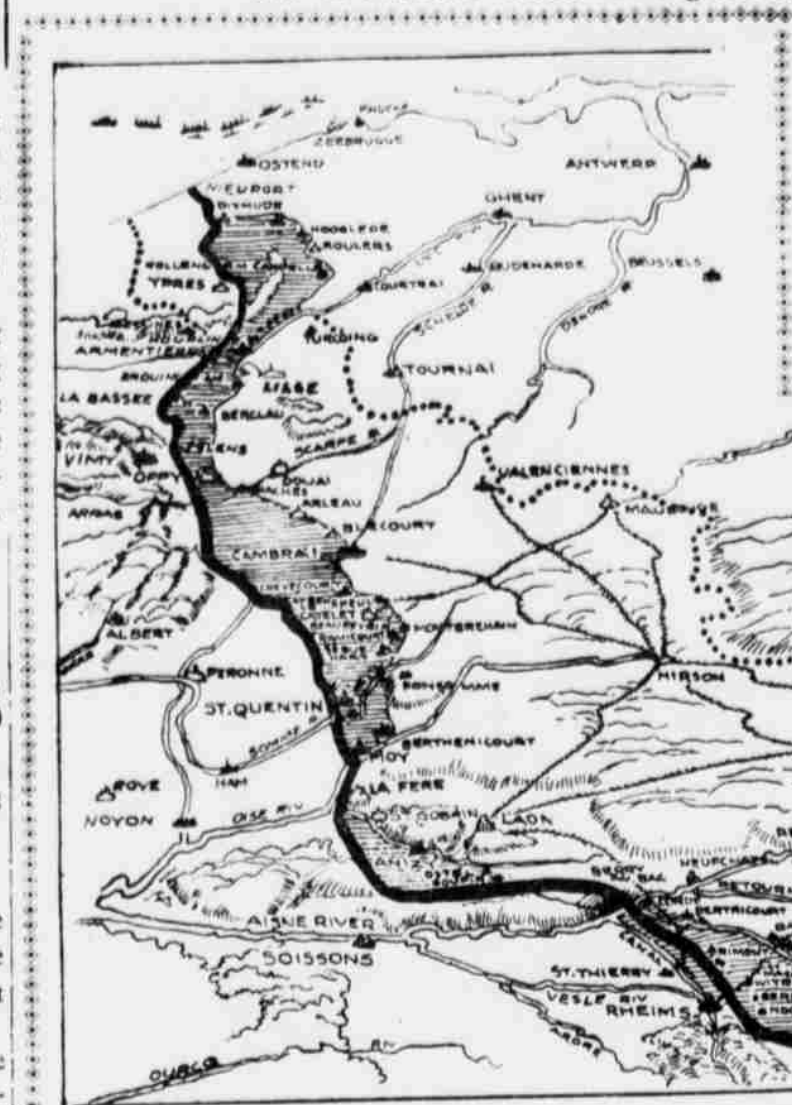
The pioneer detachment came out of the mist before the Americans had reached an open place. The pioneers, seeing that they had the machine guns against their rear. The Germans became confused, as they were unable to go forward, sideways or backward, and sought the cover of the sand dunes.

A German private who spoke German, with his pistol as his only weapon, crawled forward and compelled the Germans to surrender. The private disarmed the pioneers and marched them within the American lines. He compelled them to carry their six wounded.

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Latest Changes in Battle Lines In France and Belgium



SENATORS REDUCE NEW LIQUOR TAX; O. K. BEER BOOST

Committee Expects To Stimulate Consumption and Increase Revenue from Spirits.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Realizing that Germany is likely to start a desperate U boat drive against troopships if her peace offensive fails, American naval officials and the British First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Eric Geddes, began conferences here to-day on combative measures.

Indications point to the looming of virtually every U boat in the Teuton service against the Allied supply lines. However, authorities believe that this effort, like its predecessors, is doomed to failure, on the whole, because of reduced U boat efficiency.

The percentage of U boats is disrupted so much that submarines are now rated as only one-fifth as effective as at the start of the war.

918,920,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT FORECAST

Government Estimates Corn Crop for Year at 2,717,775,000 Bushels.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—This year's wheat crop will be 918,920,000 bushels, the Department of Agriculture announced to-day in its preliminary estimate of production. Winter wheat production is 553,725,000 bushels, and spring wheat production 365,195,000 bushels.

A corn production of 2,717,775,000 bushels was forecast from the condition of the crop, which was given as 65.6 per cent of a normal crop.

GERMANY MAY PARDON ALL POLITICAL OFFENDERS

Amsterdam Hears Liebknecht Is to Be Released and General Amnesty Granted.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The German Government, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph Company, intends to grant pardons to a number of politicians imprisoned since the war began, including the Socialist, Dr. Karl Liebknecht, and Wilhelm Dittmann. A general amnesty, the despatch adds, probably will be granted to political offenders.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht is probably the most striking figure in German Socialism and one of the few Socialist leaders in that country who have consistently stood against the government in its war policies. He was arrested at Berlin on May 1, 1918, on the charge of participating in riots. He was tried on charges of incitement and resistance to the authorities and sentenced to thirty months' penal servitude and dismissal from the army.

Deputy Wilhelm Dittmann is an independent Socialist. His name was linked in October, 1917, with those of Socialists, Haase and Thunberg, other leaders, with the mutiny in the German fleet.

AVIATOR FRITZ RUMEY OF GERMAN ARMY KILLED

Lieutenant Claimed to Have Forty-four Air Victories to His Credit.

AMSTERDAM, Monday, Oct. 7.—Fritz Rumei, pilot Rumei of the German Army, who claimed forty-four air victories, has been killed, according to the Loket Anzeiger of Berlin.

He was leading a patrol of seventy-five men, who were attempting to bring across a stream in advance of the front line when he was hit in the leg. He is in the 20th Engineers.

LATEST OFFICIAL REPORTS

BRITISH. LONDON, Oct. 8.—Following is the statement issued by the War Office: "Successful local operations were carried out yesterday in the neighborhood of Montbrehain and north of Beaurevoir in which American and English troops captured over 250 prisoners.

"Shortly before dawn this morning British and American troops attacked between St. Quentin and Cambrai. In spite of a heavy rain which commenced last night and is still continuing, the first reports indicate that satisfactory progress is being made."

FRENCH. PARIS, Oct. 8.—The following statement was issued to-day by the War Office: "During the night there were artillery duels in the region north of St. Quentin.

"On the Suippe front we reached the outskirts of Conde-sur-Suippe, penetrated into Iles-sur-Suippe and captured Hazancourt, in spite of very violent counter-attack by the enemy, whose resistance was in vain."

SOLDIER, ON FURLOUGH, FIGHTS FOR HIS CHILD

Howard Littledale, in British Tank Service, Asks Court for Girl for Remainder of Leave.

Mrs. Brown protested that she had been delayed several weeks from joining her present husband at an officers' training camp in Virginia that her former husband might be with their daughter.

The court told Littledale that he must pay the expenses of the child while she was in the jurisdiction of the court, during the absence of Mrs. Brown and that he would have to pay the latter's expenses to the camp and return. Littledale then said that he would take the matter under advisement.

FALL OF TURKISH CABINET IS REPORTED BY BERNE

Great Excitement in Constantinople, Says Message to London Daily News.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A Berne despatch to the Daily News to-day said it is understood that the Turkish Cabinet has fallen. The despatch said there is great excitement in Constantinople.

The Turkish Cabinet on headed by Talat Pasha, Grand Vizier and Minister of the Interior.

TRIED UNDER SEDITION ACT.

Brooklyn Man Had Troop Pictures and Anti-Lion Circulars.

Harle S. McDonough, thirty-four years old, of No. 196 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, was on trial before Federal Judge Chatfield and a jury in Brooklyn to-day under the Espionage Act.

Detective Beck and Deputy United States Marshal Schorenstein testified that a search of McDonough's room revealed circulars urging people not to buy Liberty Bonds and telling of a promise of the Kaiser to award the Iron Cross to all who refused to buy bonds.

They also seized a large number of camera films showing troop trains in various localities of Long Island.

Sanborn said he had been an amateur photographer for years and the pictures were a few of many thousand snapshots he had taken. He contended that the seditious circulars were handed him on the street.

LAUREL RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Maiden two-year-olds (100 lbs.) straight \$10.20, place \$4.30, show \$2.10. Straight \$10.20, place \$4.30, show \$2.10. Second: Hoboken (100 lbs.), show \$5.40, third: Miss Vandy (100 lbs.), show \$5.40, fourth: Shadow, Hildebrandt, Triumph, Dalmians and Phantom Maid also ran.

Liege Cheers Actor Made Up as a Poilu.

HAVRE, Oct. 8.—The Gymnase Theatre at Liege has been closed for a month by the German authorities because an actor, dressed as a French soldier, appeared on the stage, cutting an intense pro-Ally demonstration.

ANTI-TRUST SUITS POSTPONED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Upon the Government's motion, the Supreme Court to-day postponed until next term consideration of all Government antitrust suits now pending with the exception of that of the United States Steel Corporation, which it is understood, probably will contest the motion.

SERBIAN TROOPS ARE BEFORE NISH, FORMER CAPITAL

Austrians Reported Evacuating Belgrade—Mackensen Tries to Stem Foe's Retreat.

ROME, Oct. 8.—Serbian troops are before Nish, according to reports received here to-day.

Nish, to which the capital of Serbia was removed during the Austrian invasion, is fifty miles directly north of Vranje, which was captured after Austro-German forces had been severely defeated. Nish is 125 miles southeast of Belgrade.

GENEVA, Oct. 8.—Field Marshal von Mackensen has arrived in Serbia to save the remnants of the Austro-German armies, which the Allies are pursuing toward the Danube, according to a Vienna despatch received here to-day.

The Austrians are reported to be evacuating Belgrade.

The Serbian population, including women, is helping to drive them out.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Austrian armies in Albania face a major disaster because of the Allied successes in Serbia.

The serious position of the Austro-German armies in Serbia is indicated by their successive defeats in Central Serbia, reported evacuation of Belgrade and announcement that Mackensen has hurried to that front to save them.

The Serbians, in the vanguard, have pushed as far north as the southern limits of Austria-Hungary, although some distance to the east. After taking Vranje, 175 miles directly east of Ragusa, in Austria-Hungary, they are pursuing the Austro-Germans toward Nish and Leskovatz. They have also captured Debra, on the Serbo-Albanian border, 55 miles east and north of Durazzo. French troops have taken Kacanik, 35 miles north-west of Uskub and only 35 miles from the northern boundary of Albania.

Along the Skumbi River the Italians are harassing the retreat of the Austrians northward. Both armies are about 100 miles from the mountainous regions of Montenegro. But, meanwhile, the Allies have an opportunity to strike westward from Debra, taking the Austrians on the flank.

100 Norwegian Millionaires Wiped Out by Bulgarian Surrender.

STOCKHOLM, Monday, Oct. 7. (Associated Press).—Bulgaria's withdrawal from the war and subsequent peace developments have played havoc with Scandinavian shipping stocks. Norwegian papers estimate that 100 war millionaires have been wiped out by the break in Norwegian shipping securities alone.

VOTING RULES FOR CAMPS.

Soldiers in This Country to Ballot in State Elections.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Regulations under which officers and men of the army stationed in home camps may vote in the primary or general elections of their States were announced to-day by Acting Secretary Crowell. The General Staff has arranged to permit election officials to visit the various camps and establish headquarters for registering the men and taking their ballots.

Distribution of literature designed to influence the voter in his choice of candidates is forbidden.

WAR SUPPLIES DELAY GRAIN.

Officials Explain Crowded Elevators and Rationing Farmers.

The reason for the temporary diversion of grain ships from this port to permit the handling of more war supplies for Pershing's army was announced to-day by the local Food Administration officials.

"The enlarged demands of Gen. Pershing for material, coming from the progress on the west front, has necessitated the temporary diversion of grain ships to this service," said the announcement. "The temporary curtailment of the wheat movement from the seaboard and has filled our seaports and terminal elevators."

"There is no occasion for farmers to become panicky. If farmers will have a little patience the wheat will all be moved and the full price secured by every grower."

Kills Wife, Children and Self.

BEIRUT, Pa., Oct. 8.—Evidently driven insane through jealousy, Robert Beacham, thirty years old, murdered his young wife and their two children, then ended his own life with a revolver.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

GENERAL HOUSEWORKER. White. 16 years. Not over 45 years. For general housework. Family of two. Good plain cook. Will be waiting on table, must be neat and intelligent. With personal references from two last places employed. A. B. 544 West 157th St.

Worthwhile Offerings for Tuesday, October 8th

SUPER CREAMERY CAMELINS—When we say Creamery we mean Creamery. These dainty blocks of candy contain 50% cream and 50% chocolate. They are delicious and easy to eat. 44c.

MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED COCONUT ROYALS—One of our most popular confections. The delicious feature is a jacket of milk chocolate. 64c.

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DIED.
COOK—ALFRED COOK.
Lying in state at THE FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 66th St.
COSTON—On Monday, Oct. 7, 1918, ELIZABETH, beloved wife of William Coston (now Banner), sister of Florence Solomon, Honor Banner and John Banner.
Funeral from her late residence, 2608 18th St., at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, Oct. 9, at 9:30 o'clock, Mass at St. Charles Borromeo's Church, 10 A. M. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

DEPENAN—GEORGE DEPENAN.
Services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 66th St., Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

HORAM—On Tuesday, ELLEN HORAM, widow of James Horam and beloved mother of Mrs. Martin Leech, Henry and the late John Horam.
Funeral from her late residence, 1435 Lexington Ave., Wednesday morning, Oct. 9, at 9 o'clock. He died from wounds received in action in France. He is survived by his parents, Matthew L. Kelly and Nellie Kelly, nee Fitzgerald, and brothers William Kelly, Corporal, 30th Infantry serving in France, and David Arthur Kelly. He was born in the First Ward, Manhattan. Friends are invited.

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KAWAMURA—SABURO KAWAMURA.
Services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 66th St. (Campbell Building).

MEMORIAL NOTICES.
LAKEN—HARRY LAKEN.
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LOST, FOUND AND REWARDS.
LOST—Black leather traveling bag, lost in taxi cab on Oct. 7, 1918, at 14th St. and 5th Ave. It contained \$10.00, 10th St. apartment 34. Finder return to 1230.

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Our Mid-Week Special for Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 8th and 9th
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